Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is not so easy a matter to explore the whole of the forest area to find out the extent of land in the State fit for the cultivation of tea and cardamoms.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.— We have got an Agricultural Department in the State, ...

President.—You are going to comment on the answer and it is out of order.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—What I am saying is that an attempt may be made by the Agricultural Department to find out the extent of land in the forests fit for the cultivation of tea and cardamoms. I want to know that for it has a certain purpose to serve.

President.—What do you want ?

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I want to know whether the Government would take the trouble to find it out.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is not an easy matter to explore the whole forest area.

President.—Why don't you say that you will consider the matter ?

Geography Text-book and Copy book.

630. **Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to state: —

(1) which is the Geography text-book now used in class III of the Primary Department ;

(2) has the Diwan received any review on that book from anybody pointing out the mistakes contained therein ; if so, has the Diwan issued any order to the Director of Public Instruction concerning it ;

(3) if the answer to question (2) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the said review and the order thereon of the Diwan;

(4) who is the author and publisher of the reviewed geography text-book and the geography book now used in class III respectively ;

(5) which is the copy writing book now used in the lower secondary classes ;

(6) if the object of copy-writing is to improve the hand-writing of school boys, has not the Director of Public Instruction seen that the present copy book is not suited for that purpose owing to its varying forms of types ;

(7) who is the publisher of these copy books of the lower secondary classes ;

(8) is there any rule or policy that the Government would prescribe the book—whether they be good or bad—only of a particular publisher ?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Cochin Geography by T. Narayana Menon, B. A., L. T.

(2) Yes. An article pointing out mistakes in the book appeared in " Sudarsanam " dated 4th Edavam 1103 and the Diwan passed orders thereon in his Proceedings, dated 20th May 1928, Dis No. 2644/D/03. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon, M. L. C., and a member of the Board of Studies forwarded dissenting minutes, pointing out the mistakes in the geography books for classes III and IV, and the Diwan has considered this when passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Studies in D. P., dated 6th June 1928, C. No. 4003/03.

(3) Copies of the papers and of the article are placed on the Council Table.

(4) the author of the revised geography book is Mr. T. Narayana Menon, B. A., L. T., and its publishers 'The Cochin Publishing House, Ernakulam.'

The author and publisher of the geography book now used in class III are the same. The reviewed book and the book now used are the same with the difference that the latter is a revised edition.

(5) Kerala Malayalam Copy Books, Numbers 3, 4 and 5.

(6) The Board of Studies recommended the series as being more suitable than others approved by the Text-Book Committee and the Director had no reason to suspect that it was otherwise.

(7) The Cochin Publishing House.

(8) No

Irrigation Works.

631. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) which are the irrigation works which they propose to take up during the current year ;

(b) are they aware that the crops of the Kuzhuppilli Puthenpadom *niloms*, especially of the No. I block, suffered this year for want of proper irrigation facilities ;

(c) is there not a proposal before the Government to construct a canal to connect the *niloms* in question with the backwater ;

(d) how long is the matter pending ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (1) The Amballur bund work.

(2) The diversion of the Karuvannur river.

(b) There was no failure of crops this year.

(c) & (d) There was a proposal some time back. This was considered by Government and it was decided that the

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